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MA Seasonal Recreational Fisheries Technician

Title: Seasonal Fisheries Technician

Full-time / Part-time: Part-time (20-40 hrs. week) No benefits

Shift: Variable Day and Night

City/Town Location: Massachusetts ports from North Shore to Cape Cod, Islands, and New Bedford areas

Facility Location: MA Division of Marine Fisheries – Work will be field based

Region: Coastal ports in MA

Pay: \$12.00 – \$14.00 per hour commensurate with experience

Application Deadline: February 15th 2016 or until filled.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A.I.S. Inc. is contracted by the State of Massachusetts, Division of Marine Fisheries (MA DMF) to support the collection of recreational fisheries data for the NOAA Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). A.I.S. will provide MA DMF with fisheries technicians to interact with fishermen and conduct Access Point Angler Intercept Surveys (APAIS) at coastal locations and/or at sea aboard recreational party boats during fishing trips. Sampling time and locations are randomly selected by NOAA Fisheries protocol and will occur at boat ramps, marinas, beaches, jetties and fishing piers throughout MA. Interviewers obtain actual catch information from anglers such as species caught, and number of fish kept or released. Biological information such as length and weight measurements of whole harvested fish are also obtained. The catch data are used to produce a statewide estimate of the total fish caught, harvested and released for recreationally important marine species. The survey data are used extensively by fishery biologists and managers to assess stock condition, evaluate regulations, and plan future management actions that lead to sustainable recreational fisheries.

DUTIES:

1. Interview anglers using scripted survey questions. Collect biological, demographic, and economic fisheries data at coastal locations throughout MA, or aboard "for hire" party boats at sea.
2. Accurately record and code data on standardized forms. Self audit data prior to submission.
3. Follow strict sampling schedule, specific sampling times and locations, according to scientific protocol.
4. Electronically submit weekly summary reports of activity. Mail data on time, according to deadline.
5. Operate and maintain field equipment and sampling gear.

Compensation: \$12.00 – \$14.00 per hour commensurate with experience, plus paid mileage.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Applicants should have at least two years of full-time, or equivalent part-time technical experience in marine biology or fisheries work, of which one year of the required experience may consist of the substitution below:
Two years of study in marine, fisheries or wildlife biology; fisheries or wildlife management; marine science or oceanography may be substituted for a maximum of one year of the required experience.
2. Ability to identify marine fish and invertebrates common in Massachusetts' coastal waters.
3. Experience working on fishing vessels and small craft with common sampling tools.
4. Knowledge of computer software applications including: Microsoft Office Suite
5. Experience filling out data forms in the field and compiling data in tabular and graphical form.
6. Ability to work outdoors in adverse weather conditions including rainy and windy conditions, heat and cold.

7. Good public relations skills. Ability to interact favorably with anglers, boat crews and captains.
8. Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays to accommodate sea sampling trips.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Job requires work on most weekends when most recreational fishing takes place, and some longer/earlier/late than normal work days.
2. Some applicants will be primarily shore based, while others will be designated to survey anglers from both shore and at sea. Candidates selected to survey on vessels, must be able to perform sampling offshore in less than ideal weather and vessel operating conditions.
3. Applicants must be physically fit and capable of lifting heavy fish specimens, both alive and dead, standing for 6 hours, climbing and descending ladders to access shore sample sites, conduct interviews in noisy environments and to safely navigate slippery surfaces at boat ramps, rock jetties and while boarding vessels.
4. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and reliable source of transportation.
5. All candidates must be approved by the MA Division of Marine Fisheries.

To Apply: Please submit a resume, cover letter, 5 professional references (name, e-mail address and phone number) and unofficial copies of your college transcripts. Click the following link (<https://goo.gl/ZjgTqE>) to complete our application and to submit the required documents:

Application deadline is 2/15/16 or until filled.

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Equal Opportunity Employer Minorities/Females/Protected Veterans/Disabled

Additional questions regarding the position can be directed to Jay Litchfield at 508-990-9054.